

Borough Council of
**King's Lynn &
West Norfolk**



COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda

Wednesday, 31st January, 2024
at 5.00 pm

In the Assembly Room
Town Hall
Saturday Market Place
King's Lynn

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk** which will commence at **5.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 31st January, 2024** in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn to transact the business shown below.

Yours sincerely

Lorraine Gore
Chief Executive

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1. PRAYERS

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23 November 2023 (previously circulated).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Page 6)

Please indicate if there are any interests which should be declared. A declaration of an interest should indicate the nature of the interest (if not already declared on the Register of Interests) and the agenda item to which it relates. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared, the member should withdraw from the room whilst the matter is discussed.

5. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive Mayor's communications and announcements.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

To receive any items of business which in the opinion of the Mayor are urgent.

7. PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To receive petitions and public questions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

8. REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY (Pages 7 - 9)

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS (Pages 10 - 12)

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BODIES

(Members are reminded this is a debate, not a question and answer session)

To consider the following recommendations to Council:

1) Cabinet: 5 December 2023 (Pages 13 - 14)

CAB74: Council Tax Support - Final Scheme for 2024-25

2) Cabinet : 15 January 2024 (Pages 15 - 20)

CAB88: Polling District Review

CAB89: Council Tax Premiums for Long-Term Empty Properties and Second Homes

CAB90: Whistle Blowing Policy

CAB91: Designation of a Village Green, South Lynn

CAB93: Appointment of Honorary Aldermen

CAB96: Council Companies Funding

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following Notice of Motion (1/24), submitted by Councillor D Sayers:

This council further acknowledges the rich historical tapestry woven by the Royal Charters of 1204, which granted Bishops Lynn the status of a free borough in perpetuity, the reconstitution in 1524, appointing a governance structure consisting of a mayor, twelve aldermen, and eighteen common councilmen, and the renaming of the borough to King's Lynn in 1537.

Building on this esteemed legacy, the council proudly reaffirms the historical significance and close ties our Borough shares with the royal family. Our association with the Sandringham Estate and Anmer House, the country residence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, serves as a testament to our enduring connection to the monarchy.

In light of this heritage, this Council unequivocally resolves to submit an application for the prestigious status of a Royal Borough. Recognising the cultural and historical significance our Borough holds, the Council further resolves that The Royal Names Office shall be approached to facilitate this

application process.

This strategic move is motivated by a collective commitment to strengthening our community's bond with the royal heritage, fostering a profound sense of pride, and fortifying our collective identity. It is a testament to our dedication to preserving and celebrating the rich historical ties that bind our Borough with the monarchy.

12. CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS (Pages 21 - 68)

In accordance with Standing Order 11, to receive reports from Cabinet Members moved en bloc, under Standing Order 11.2 Members of the Council may ask questions of Cabinet Members on their reports and Portfolio areas. The order of putting questions shall commence with a Member from the largest opposition group, proceeding in descending order to the smallest opposition group, followed by a non-aligned Member and finally a Member from the ruling group. This order shall repeat until the time for questions has elapsed or there are no more questions to be put.

The period of time for putting questions and receiving responses shall not exceed 50 minutes for all Cabinet Members, excluding the Leader

The period of time for putting questions and receiving responses to the Leader shall not exceed 15 minutes.

(Councillors are reminded that this is a question and answer session not a debate.)

Business – Councillor A Beales

Climate Change and Biodiversity – Councillor M de Whalley

Environment and Coastal - Councillor S Squire

Finance – Councillor C Morley

Property & Corporate Services – Councillor B Anota

People and Communities – Councillor J Rust

Tourism Events and Marketing – Cllr S Ring

Deputy Leader Development and Regeneration – Councillor J Moriarty

Leader - Councillor T Parish

13. MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

In accordance with Standing Order 11.2 (b), Members of the Council may ask any questions of the Chair of any Council Body (except the Cabinet).

Lorraine Gore
Chief Executive